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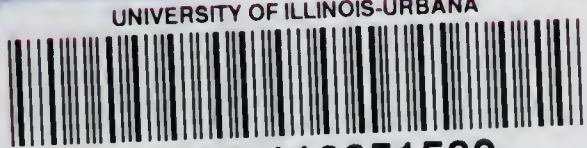
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SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND  
SERVICES FOR VETERANS

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# ILLINOIS SALUTES VETERANS

As a fellow veteran, I am pleased that those who have served our country have special representation in the Office of the Secretary of State. My office's Department of Senior & Community Services identifies and addresses issues relating to veterans, senior citizens, persons with disabilities and other community groups.

This brochure highlights Secretary of State programs and services of special interest to veterans. From Rules of the Road Review Courses and employment opportunities to obtaining special military license plates, you will learn about the many programs and services my office provides.

Please contact my Department of Senior & Community Services if we can be of assistance.

*Jesse White*

**JESSE WHITE**  
Secretary of State

## **VETERAN EMPLOYMENT**

The Secretary of State maintains a veterans preference in hiring and is committed to the placement of qualified veterans.

## **NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATUS**

Many clubs and veterans organizations are interested in acquiring not-for-profit status — a service provided through the Secretary of State. For more information, contact the Department of Senior & Community Services.

## **SPECIAL MILITARY PLATES**

The Secretary of State offers a variety of military license plates to qualified veterans to give heightened visibility to those who have served their country.

- **Armed Forces Reserves**
- **Bronze Star**
- **Congressional Medal of Honor**
- **Disabled Veteran**
- **Ex-Prisoner of War**
- **Gold Star**
- **Korean War Veteran**
- **National Guard**
- **Pearl Harbor Survivor**
- **POW / MIA**
- **Purple Heart**
- **Retired Armed Forces**
- **Silver Star**
- **Universal Veterans**
- **Vietnam Veteran**
- **World War II Veteran**

For more information contact:  
Secretary of State  
Non-Standard Plates Section  
539 Howlett Building  
Springfield, IL 62756  
1-800-252-8980

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## **VETERANS' LIBRARY FUND**

Veterans can contribute to a special library fund for Illinois Veterans' Homes through the purchase of six military license plates — Silver Star, Bronze Star, Gold Star, Korean War Veteran, POW/MIA and Universal Veterans. Upon renewal of these plates, a \$2 fee is charged, which goes toward the purchase of books, large-print materials and other items for libraries in Illinois' four veterans' homes.

## **PARKING PRIVILEGES**

There are two forms of identification used for persons with disabilities parking: parking placards and disability license plates.

Parking placards are available free to persons with permanent or temporary disabilities.

Disability license plates are available to persons who have a permanent disability. These plates may be purchased at the cost of standard license plates for one vehicle titled in their name.

Disabled veterans may obtain special Disabled Veteran Plates if their disabilities are 100 percent service-related. For a free brochure on the Secretary of State's Parking Program for Persons with Disabilities, contact the Department of Senior & Community Services.

## **CUT CAR COSTS**

Discounts on automobile insurance premiums are available to eligible drivers age 55 and over upon successful completion of an Automobile Insurance Discount Program approved by the Secretary of State's office.

## **PHOTO ID PROGRAM**

An official Illinois photo ID card for both drivers and non-drivers can be obtained through the Secretary of State's office. The non-expiring ID is free to persons age 65 and over and to persons with disabilities. The card may be obtained at any Driver Services facility or mobile photo ID unit throughout the state.

## **RULES OF THE ROAD**

A free Rules of the Road Review Course is offered statewide to people taking the driver's license examination. Veterans' organizations are encouraged to sponsor these classes for members and their families. Contact the Department of Senior & Community Services to find out about a course in your area:

1-800-252-8980 (Voice or TTY)  
(217) 782-8629 (FAX)  
[www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com)

# VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

## Illinois Headquarters:

American Legion	(309) 663-0361
AMVETS	(217) 528-4713
DAV	(312) 353-3960
VFW	(217) 529-6688
VVA	(309) 786-4530
MOPH	(312) 663-0906

## Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

P.O. Box 19432  
833 S. Spring St.  
Springfield, IL 62794-9432  
(800) 437-9824  
(217) 782-6641

## Illinois Veterans' Homes

Manteno	(815) 468-6581
Quincy	(217) 222-8641
LaSalle	(815) 223-0303
Anna	(618) 833-6406

## VA Health Care Facilities:

Chicago (Lakeside)	(312) 943-6600
Chicago (Westside)	(312) 666-6500
Danville	(217) 442-8000
Hines	(708) 343-7200
Marion	(618) 997-5311
North Chicago	(708) 688-1900
Peoria	(309) 671-7350
John Cochran, MO	(314) 652-4100
Jefferson Barracks, MO	(314) 487-0400
Iowa City, IA	(319) 338-0581

## State Approval Agencies (ILDVA)

Chicago	(312) 814-5530
Springfield	(217) 782-7838

## Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Deerfield	(708) 948-8550
Springfield	(217) 782-2577

## U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs

Chicago VA Regional Office  
P.O. Box 8136  
536 S. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60680  
(800) 827-1000  
(312) 663-5510